Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Friday 03 May 2024 until 23:59 on Saturday 04 May 2024

Forecast Issued on Friday 03 May 2024 at 02:41 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High confidence for Friday, moderate confidence for Saturday, but low confidence from Sunday onwards.

Headline for Friday 03 May 2024: Mostly dry by day with sunny spells. Low cloud and showers arrive in the evening.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 03 May 2024

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
No Likelihood

Severe chill effect
No Likelihood

Poor visibility
No Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
High Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Cloudy
Precipitation probability					
<05%	<05%	10%	10%	20%	20%

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Weather: A mostly dry day with a few heavy showers arriving this evening. Mainly clear through the day, with some patches of low cloud or fog at first on eastern-facing upslopes. This soon clearing to leave long bright or sunny spells. Low cloud arrives from the east from the late afternoon or early evening, becoming widespread with outbreaks of light rain or drizzle.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Generally above 90%, but falling to 30% or less through this evening.

Low cloud and visibility: Generally clear with excellent visibilities, perhaps some patchy low cloud to around 300-400m before dawn, but this soon clearing. Extensive low cloud arrives later, with bases down to 200-300m and very poor visibilities in drizzle or hill fog.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	39/49 E	36/47 E	23/30 E	19/26 E	23/30 E	19/24 E	20/26 E
900	25/30 E	20/26 NE	19/25 E	17/22 E	21/27 SE	11/15 SE	9/11 E
600	11/14 E	13/18 NE	15/21 NE	13/18 E	9/13 E	7/9 SE	7/10 E
300	4/11 NE	7/14 NE	9/19 NE	9/18 NE	7/14 NE	4/8 NE	2/5 E
Glen	1/11 N	4/12 NE	6/17 NE	7/15 NE	5/14 NE	3/10 NE	3/11 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	7/1	7/1	8/4	9/5	8/3	7/3	6/2
900	10/6	10/6	11/8	12/9	12/8	10/7	8/6
600	8/5	10/7	14/11	14/12	13/12	10/9	8/7
300	9/8	13/12	17/15	18/16	15/14	11/11	8/8
Glen	9/8	14/13	18/16	18/16	16/15	11/10	8/8
Freezing Level*	2100m	2200m	2400m	2400m	2500m	2600m	2400m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Summit winds around 5-10mph higher over the cairngorm plateau than in the tables above. Prolonged sunshine may require suitable eyewear and skin protection.

Forecast for Saturday 04 May 2024
Weather: Extensive low cloud with outbreaks of rain or drizzle at times. Potentially clearer spells developing through the evening.

Maximum wind: Light east or south-easterly winds, gusts 15-20mph on the highest summits.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Less than 20%.

Low cloud and visibility: Widespread, extensive cloud down to 200-300m with poor visibility in hill fog or outbreaks of rain or drizzle.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 8 rising to plus 12 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 7 rising to plus 11 Celsius.
Freezing level: Above summits.

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